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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF: David S. Roberts, et al.

Examiner: S. Devi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/489,711

Group Art Unit: 1645

FILING DATE: January 24, 2000

TITLE: *ERYSIPELOTHRIX RHUSIOPATHIAE*  
ANTIGENS AND VACCINE  
COMPOSITIONS

Amend  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002. A petition for extension of time of one month is intended to be enclosed with this paper. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 12.

Replace claims 13-18 with the following claims:

13. (Amended) An antigen composition comprising an *E. rhusiopathiae* culture fluid fraction and a stabilizing agent, wherein the stabilizing agent is a metal hydroxide, a metal phosphate, an aluminum hydroxide gel, a calcium phosphate gel, a zinc hydroxide/calcium hydroxide gel or an alum.

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